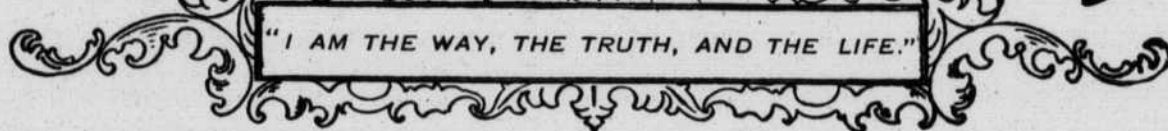


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Notes and Comments.

CONFERENCE begins August 27.

WILL you be there at the opening?

WILL you be there at the close?

WHERE will you be during the various sessions?

ARE you going to the conference to hear and see what is done, to help to transact the Lord's business, or to find fault with and criticise what others do? Which?

THIS issue of the paper contains full instructions as to railroad rates, where and how to purchase tickets and to what point. As these instructions may not be repeated, we suggest that this paper be kept for future reference. File it, you may want it sometime.

THE Brethren Book and Tract Committee will have on sale at the coming conference, Bibles, books, tracts, special numbers of the EVANGELIST, etc. W. A. Welty is our authorized agent. He has mastered the "book business" and will be helpful to you in more than one way.

THE special Doctrinal number of the EVANGELIST which was to be issued during the month of July, is delayed on account of copy. Most of the manuscript is now in and the paper will be issued sometime during the month of August. Almost 6000 extra copies have been sold.

WARSAW, the place where the National Conference will be held, is perhaps the most desirable place that could have been selected. It is centrally located and its railroad facilities are as good as the best. The Pennsylvania Lines running east and west, and the Big Four north and south. Besides these advantages it is a famous summer resort affording our people an opportunity to combine business and pleasure. Winona Park, as it is now known, has been greatly improved and is a most delightful place at which to spend a week or ten days.

THE following from the *Observer* shows how "new things" have to work their way into prominence and recognition: "A military journal recalls the fact that Napoleon refused to try steam, that French ordinance authorities declared categorically that no gun loaded at the head would ever become a weapon of war, and that Thiers overwhelmed with biting sarcasm the early promoters of railroads. In 1871 one of the leading journals of Paris described a bicyclist as being fit only for the lunatic asylum. Two years later the populace of Paris broke a bicyclist's wheel, charging him with sorcery. Slightly more liberal in his views was one French mayor, who permitted the passage of a bicycle through his town, provided it was carried in a wagon."

THE following is the testimony of Henry W. Fales, long a conductor on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad. He was converted late in life and when he received his first communion, he remarked to the pastor: "I am following my mother, even it is a long way behind. But ever since those old Vermont days when she taught me my duty I've tried my best to follow her. I hope she knows it now." A few weeks ago this pathetic incident was narrated at the funeral of Mr. Fales who has gone to meet his mother. How strong, even stronger than death is the influence of a Christian mother. It may be a long time, but sometime in the future, the seeds of righteousness sown by a faithful Christian mother will bring its own reward.

THERE seems to be a universal demand for short sermons. Here and there, however, you find a people who want a little more than a "lunch" from the table of the Lord. The people of a village in Cornwall, presented a petition to the pastor in favor of long sermons. A few minutes are not sufficient for a good spiritual dinner.

WE take the following from the South Bend, Ind., paper: "Noah Shupert, of the St. Joseph County Sunday-school association, received word from the secretary of the Indiana Sunday-school association, that St. Joseph county has again been honored by the appointment of Rev. William D. Furry, pastor of Fairview Brethren church in Warren township, as president of the 23d Indiana Sunday-school district, comprising the counties of Kosciusko, Marshall, Elkhart and St. Joseph.

The secretary adds: "The best district in the state." John W. Parks of Plymouth, was the retiring president and served two consecutive terms. The appointment is regarded as a good one and Mr. Furry no doubt will be highly appreciated as he is a rising young minister in his denomination and an enthusiastic Sunday-school worker.

The request is made that the Elkhart, Marshall and Kosciusko county papers copy this news."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EXPEDIENCY.

CANNOT the committee appointed at last conference meet at Warsaw before the conference session, for the purpose of making report to the church on the work appointed to do? The Warsaw church has extended her hospitality to the committee. Make every effort to meet prior to the session. Let each member communicate with brother J. C. Cassel, the Sec., 709 Arch St., Philadelphia. All persons, elders, deacons, members, etc., having any suggestions communicate with the Secretary or President. Give this your earnest and prayerful attention.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.